

**ABSOLUTE RATING:** Below Average

**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Below Average

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 116.

The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to excellent.

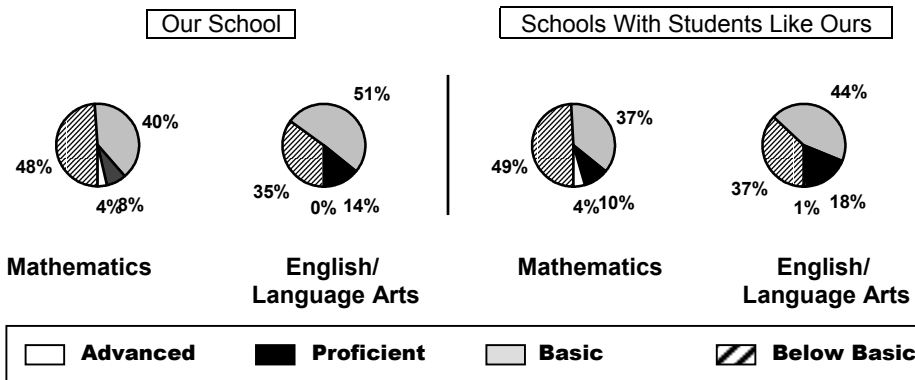
For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

## RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

## PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



## DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
<b>All students (n=168)</b>	64.9	51.2	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=11)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=156)	69.2	53.5		
<b>Gender</b>				
Male (n=95)	64.2	59.4		
Female (n=72)	66.7	40.3		
<b>Ethnic Group</b>				
African American (n=123)	59.3	44.4		
Hispanic (n=3)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=41)	82.9	73.2		
Other (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
<b>Lunch Status Group</b>				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=149)	63.1	48		
Pay for lunch (n=18)	N/A	N/A		

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	\$4,007	N/A	\$6,005	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	89.2%	Down from 91.8%	89.8%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.8 to 1	N/A	16.8 to 1	18.7 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=385)</b>				
• Attendance Rate	96.8%	Down from 97.7%	96.2%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	7.2%	N/A	7.2%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	7.1%	N/A	6.3%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	93.4%	Down from 100%	98.1%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	9%	Down from 9.4%	5.6%	3.6%
<b>TEACHERS (n=26)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	7.8 Days	Up from 6.4	7.3 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	93.2%	Down from 94.9%	95%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	30.8%	Up from 28%	43.3%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	69.2%	Down from 76%	77.3%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	3.8%	Up from 0%	2.9%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	78.7%	Up from 78.1%	81.3%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$36,049	Up 10.3%	\$36,115	\$37,520

## SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	60.9%	N/A	64.4%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	9	N/A	4	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	46.6%	N/A	87.4%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• On academic plans	N/A	N/A	63.3%	43.1%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	2.9%	Up from 0.6%	2.1%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	5	N/A	2	1
• Gifted and talented	5.1%	Up from 4%	5.3%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	6.5%	Up from 5.1%	8.4%	8.4%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

St. Stephen Elementary is a small community school with 417 students in a rural area of Berkeley County. The school serves students in pre-school Child Development through 5th grade. St. Stephen Elementary is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The racial composition of the school population is 72% Black, 26% White and 2% Hispanic. Ninety-seven percent of the students are eligible for free or reduced lunch.

Approximately 151 students are on Academic Assistance Compacts, as required by the Accountability Act. Thirty-two students are eligible for special education services and an additional 53 are served for speech. All students in grades 1-5 are provided daily math and reading with computer-assisted instruction. Students needing additional assistance participate in after-school tutoring, SOAR To Success, or Early Success programs.

Teachers at St. Stephen Elementary use the Cunningham 4-Block Literacy Model along with the Accelerated Reader program. Both programs have increased the interest in reading for our students. Each grade level also promotes reading through book clubs. St. Stephen Elementary participates in the South Carolina Reading Initiative that provides professional development in the areas of reading and language.

St. Stephen Elementary has made gains in implementing our school improvement goals through the combined efforts of the staff, students, parents and community. One of our goals is to increase the number of students scoring advanced on PACT by 1% each year. The 2000 test results indicated a 1% increase over the previous year.

Test scores for PACT are improving. The percentage of students scoring below basic on English/language arts decreased by 20% in 2000. In math the percentage of students scoring below basic decreased by 15%. Our goal is to increase the number of students scoring proficient and advanced.

Johnelle Sherald, Principal

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	65.4	75.0	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	56.0	71.2	
Satisfied with home-school relations	26.9	71.2	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

St Stephen Elementary  
P.O. Box 338 1053 Russellville Road  
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Grades K-5 Elementary School

Enrollment: 385 Students

### Principal

Dr. Johnelle Sherald 843-567-2813

### Superintendent

Dr. J. Chester Floyd 843-899-8601

### Board Chair

Ms. Carolyn Lewis 843-899-8602

## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

2001

School Grade:  
Below Average



### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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